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CULTIVATION OF SPICES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great scope of growing spices in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the possibility explored in this direction and the areas brought under spices cultivation so far in the state; and

(c) the details of spices proposed to be grown in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) There is immense potential for growing various spices in Karnataka.

(b) In order to exploit the potential for development of spices in Karnataka a Centrally sponsored programme for development of spices has been implemented in the State since 8th Five Year Plan. The measures implemented under the Scheme for development of spices in Karnataka include the following:-

i) Production and distribution of quality planting material of high yielding varieties of pepper, ginger, turmeric, chillies and tree spices.

ii) Establishment of demonstration plots of black pepper, ginger, tree spices, chillies and seed spices.

iii) Popularisation of integrated pests and disease management for black pepper, ginger and chillies.

iv) Area expansion programme for pepper, ginger & chillies.

v) Distribution of minikit of seed spices.

For implementation of the above programmes central assistance of Rs. 671.20 lakhs in the 8th Plan and Rs. 782.70 lakhs in the first three years of the 9th Plan was provided to Karanataka.

The area brought under various spices in Karnataka is given below:-

Spices crops	Area (`000 ha)
Pepper	4.35
Ginger	3.94
Chillies	178.40
Turmeric	4.60
Coriander	17.30
Garlic	4.10
Cardamom	21.23

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation.

c) At present the important spices grown in the State are black pepper, cardamom, chillies, ginger, turmeric and tree spices.